



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 10/804,299)	Group Art Unit: 3629
Filed: March 19, 2004)	Examiner: MICHAEL J. FISHER
For: TIME-BASED DISABLEMENT OF)	Confirmation No.: 7817
EQUIPMENT)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, applicants provide the following remarks.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner states that the Joao patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,917,405) discloses a method of disabling equipment but not with a keypad at the vehicle. While there are references with such a characteristic, to combine them with the Joao patent would destroy the Joao reference.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 3, 12, 14, 18, 20, 25, 33, 41 and 45 recite additional features that are not disclosed or suggested by the Joao patent and/or any of the other applied prior art references. For example, the Joao patent does not disclose computing at least one deadline. In addition, it does not disclose that the first signal and a second or third signal are compared to one another in disabling the vehicle if the codes do not match. As for independent claim 19, it does not refer to a feature of a keypad at the equipment or vehicle, however, it does refer to at least one deadline which the Examiner has omitted that the Joao patent does not disclose.

Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of features as well as the Examiner's allowed feature are not disclosed or suggested by the prior art. Therefore, the

narrow reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance should be expanded to include the combination of features recited in the independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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